HUD Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funding Application Notice

The City of Gresham has been allocated special Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus or CDBG-CV funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funding is to be spent to prepare for, respond to, or prevent COVID-19. Any project administered with these funds must also meet CDBG regulations and criteria. Gresham City Council has made funding available in specific assistance categories for organizations to administer to residents impacted by COVID-19.

Funding is available in the following areas:

Microenterprise Assistance (Businesses with 5 or fewer employees including owner(s))	\$100,000
Childcare Assistance	\$135,216
Youth Services	\$40,000
Rent Assistance	\$123,000
Emergency Income Payments	\$100,000
(rent, gas, electric, water)	
Low-income Meal Assistance	\$100,000

The funding categories listed above do not include \$450,000 in utility customer assistance and \$130,000 in solid waste and recycling customer assistance that will be administered by the City.

The City of Gresham has opened an application for interested organizations to apply to administer COVID-19 specific assistance. The application period closes on <u>January 18, 2020</u> at 11:59 PM. All applications and supplemental documentation must be received by January 18th to be considered.

Complete applications are vital. The application requires information to determine if an organization is eligible to administer these federal funds and if the proposed project would fit within HUD regulations. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding. If you have any questions about the funding, required documents, or eligible projects, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Nehse at Rachel Nehse@GreshamOregon.gov.

Please note, organizations can apply to administer programs up to the amount in each assistance category. For example, if an organization would like to apply to administer a food assistance program for a total of \$25,000, that is perfectly acceptable. We encourage applicants only to apply to administer funds within their capacity. Additionally, please keep in mind that every project must assist residents/households impacted by COVID-19 in some way.

Application Scoring Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and scored for the applicant's financial and accounting capacity and compliance, the community need for the proposed project, overall project benefits, applicant capacity, experience and HUD compliance and the project proposal. Weights for each criterion are listed in the table on the next page.

Scoring Criteria	Weight
Financial & Accounting Capacity & Compliance	42%
Community Need for Proposed Project	4%
Overall Project Benefits	15%
Applicant Capacity, Experience & HUD Compliance	23%
Project Proposal	15%

Applications are to be submitted online here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreshamCDBGCV Please note that you will need to send additional documentation via email to Rachel.Nehse@GreshamOregon.gov.

If you would like more information regarding HUD CDBG regulations, we encourage you to review HUD's "Playing by the Rules" handbook for subrecipients:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC 17104.PDF

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